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## **SB 1424**

Introduced by  
Senators Martin, Blendu; Flake, Harper; Representative Gorman

AN ACT

AMENDING TITLE 9, CHAPTER 4, ARTICLE 8, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY ADDING SECTION 9-500.26; AMENDING SECTION 11-201, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; AMENDING TITLE 35, CHAPTER 1, ARTICLE 1, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY ADDING SECTION 35-104; RELATING TO PUBLIC SAFETY BUDGETS.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

2 Section 1. Title 9, chapter 4, article 8, Arizona Revised Statutes, is  
3 amended by adding section 9-500.26, to read:

4 9-500.26. Public safety budgets; adoption; priority

5 NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER LAW, EACH CITY AND TOWN SHALL BUDGET FOR,  
6 APPROVE AND ADOPT ANNUAL FUNDING FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT, DETENTION FACILITIES,  
7 FIRE PROTECTION AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES BEFORE CONSIDERATION OR  
8 ADOPTION OF ANY OTHER BUDGETS.

9 Sec. 2. Section 11-201, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to read:

10 11-201. Powers of county

11 A. The powers of a county shall be exercised only by the board of  
12 supervisors or by agents and officers acting under its authority and  
13 authority of law. It has the power to:

14 1. Sue and be sued.

15 2. Purchase and hold lands within its limits.

16 3. Make such contracts and purchase and hold such personal property as  
17 may be necessary to the exercise of its powers.

18 4. Make such orders for the disposition or use of its property as the  
19 interests of the inhabitants of the county require.

20 5. Levy and collect taxes for purposes under its exclusive  
21 jurisdiction as are authorized by law.

22 6. Determine the budgets of all elected and appointed county officers  
23 enumerated under section 11-401 by action of the board of supervisors.  
24 NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER LAW, EACH COUNTY SHALL BUDGET FOR, APPROVE AND  
25 ADOPT ANNUAL FUNDING FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT, DETENTION FACILITIES, FIRE  
26 PROTECTION AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES BEFORE CONSIDERATION OR  
27 ADOPTION OF ANY OTHER BUDGETS.

28 B. Except for the purposes of acting as an intermediary in a license  
29 transfer or sale, a county shall not own a commercial cable television system  
30 or any other pay television system.

31 C. Section 11-251.05, subsection A, paragraph 1 does not authorize a  
32 county to levy and collect taxes for any purposes beyond those otherwise  
33 specifically authorized by statute.

34 Sec. 3. Title 35, chapter 1, article 1, Arizona Revised Statutes, is  
35 amended by adding section 35-104, to read:

36 35-104. Public safety budgets; adoption; priority

37 NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER LAW, THE LEGISLATURE SHALL BUDGET FOR,  
38 APPROVE AND ADOPT ANNUAL FUNDING FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND THE  
39 STATE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS BEFORE CONSIDERATION OR ADOPTION OF ANY OTHER  
40 BUDGETS.